

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	§	
	§	
V.	§	CRIMINAL NO. H-14-124
	§	
MOLLIE ANN RICHARDSON	§	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Before the court, by referral pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b), is the matter of the re-arraignment of Mollie Ann Richardson, the defendant in this action. On October 17, 2014, Defendant Mollie Ann Richardson appeared with counsel before the undersigned magistrate judge for the purpose of entering a guilty plea to the Indictment charging her with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii) and 846.

Defendant Richardson consented in writing to plead guilty before a United States Magistrate Judge. After conducting said proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, this court makes the following findings of fact:

1. Defendant Richardson, after consultation with counsel of record and with the approval of the government, has knowingly and voluntarily consented to be advised of her rights and to enter a plea of guilty before a U.S. Magistrate Judge subject to final approval and imposition of sentence by United States District Judge Lee Rosenthal.

2. Defendant Richardson is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea.
3. Defendant Richardson is aware of the nature of the charges, the maximum punishment range and other penalties that may be imposed at sentencing.
4. Defendant Richardson understands her constitutional and statutory rights and wishes to waive those rights.
5. Defendant Richardson understands that the sentencing judge is not bound by any recommendation on sentencing made by either counsel for the government or counsel for the defendant, and that if a recommendation on sentencing is not followed by the sentencing judge, she may not withdraw her plea of guilty.
6. Defendant Richardson's plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense charged in Count 1 of the Indictment.

Based upon the foregoing, it is **RECOMMENDED** that the guilty plea of Defendant Mollie Ann Richardson to Count 1 of the Indictment be accepted by the court and that Mollie Ann Richardson be adjudged guilty of the offense alleged in Count 1 of the Indictment, to wit: conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B)(viii) and 846.

The Clerk shall send copies of this Report and Recommendation to the respective parties who have fourteen (14) days from the receipt thereof to file written objections thereto pursuant to General Order 2002-13. Failure to file written objections within the time period mentioned shall bar an aggrieved party from attacking the factual findings and legal conclusions on appeal.

The original of any written objections shall be filed with the United States District Clerk, P.O. Box 61010, Houston, Texas, 77208. Copies of such objections shall be mailed to opposing parties and to the chambers of the undersigned, 515 Rusk, Suite 7019, Houston, Texas 77002.

SIGNED at Houston, Texas, this 17th day of October, 2014.



U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE